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1. a. The LODZ-RUDA-PABJANICKA(Q 52/O 95) airfield, a former German home base, was located on the southwestern town border of LODZ. The German PW camp was between the airfield and the town. One runway had been improved, and two hangars destroyed during the war were being repaired. The remaining buildings were cantonment buildings. The field was completed by late 1946. Military flying had already been done while the field was still under reconstruction. Almost exclusively, trainers were being flown by mixed Polish-Soviet crews. According to fellow PWs and Polish workers, a small Polish aircraft plant was located in the center of LODZ. Trainers (single-engine low-wing monoplanes, similar to the German "Buecker-Jungmann") were produced there and flight-tested at the airfield. The disassembled aircraft were carried by special motor vehicles to the airfield.

b. The cantonment buildings of the so-called air force battalion, were located beside the PW camp.

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